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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU AND SECURITY COUNCIL

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1. REFTTEL RAISES POSSIBILITY THAT UN MEMBERSHIP FOR GUINEA-BISSAU MAY BE RAISED IN UNSC IN NEAR FUTURE. EMBASSY BELIEVES DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DELIBERATION ON THIS ISSUE.

2. AS DEMONSTRATED AMPLY AT RECENT OAU SUMMIT IN MOGADISCIO, SUPPORT FOR GUINEA-BISSAU IS THE KEY OAU OBJECTIVE AT PRESENT. SCOPE OF RECOGNITION ACCORDED "GOGB" TO DATE INDICATES THIS OBJECTIVE WIDELY SHARED BEYOND AFRICA. ON THIS ISSUE THERE IS NO IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE AMONG OAU MEMBERS -- ARABOPHONE, FRANCOPHONE

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OR ANGLOPHONE -- "MODERATE" OR "PROGRESSIVE." AFRICANS OF ALL

PERSUASIONS VIEW GUINEA-BISSAU, ALREADY FULL MEMBER OF -7, AS SOVEREIGN STATE ENTITLED TO INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND UN MEMBERSHIP. AT THIS STAGE IN PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS, MOST AFRICANS WOULD VIEW ANY US VETO OF GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERSHIP IN UN AS INCOMPREHENSIBLY LEGALISTIC, IN CONFLICT WITH OUR OWN HERITAGE, "PLUS ROYALISTE QUE LE ROI," AND LIKELY AS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF USG'S TOTAL INSENSITIVITY IF NOT OUTRIGHT HOSTILITY TO AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS.

3. WE WOULD EXPECT AFRICANS (INCLUDING NORTH AFRICANS) AND SOME OF THEIR THIRD WORLD FRIENDS TO REACT TO ANGER. WHILE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT EXACTLY HOW THEY MIGHT RETALIATE, COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY, AT MINIMUM AFRICANS WOULD CERTAINLY RAISE GREAT HUE AND CRY AND PROBABLY WOULD BE EVEN LESS COOPERATIVE WITH US IN UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO US (E.G., PRG AND GRUNK RECONGITION, US LOS IMPERATIVES, ET AL). MOSCOW AND PEKING WOULD ALSO HAVE NEW ISSUE TO EXPLOIT.
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